

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/715,961	BLOUIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	James F. Sugent	2116	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment received May 3, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 8 and 13 (renumbered as 1-3).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is sent in response to Applicant's Communication received May 3, 2007 for application number 10/715,961 originally filed November 17, 2003. The Office hereby
5 acknowledges receipt of the following and placed of record in file: amended claims 1-18
(wherein claims 1, 3-7, 9-12 and 14-18 are canceled) presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see *Applicant Argument/Remarks*, filed May 3, 2007, with respect
10 to claims 2, 8 and 13 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 2,
8 and 13 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 8 and 13 are allowed.

15 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance; in re independent
claim 2,

- Bearden (as cited in previous Office Action) teaches a computer manufacturing system comprising: a first server storing a plurality of boot images, each boot image corresponding to a different operating system; and, a system under test
20 (SUT) including a network adapter and a boot loader, the boot loader to load a first boot image of the plurality of boot images onto the system under test (SUT) during a first part of a manufacturing process of the system under test (SUT)

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(column 2, lines 15-35 and column 2, lines 48-59 and column 5, lines 9-20 and column 6, lines 41-51 and column 11, line 66 thru column 12, line 33),

- David (as cited in previous Office Action) teaches a computer manufacturing system comprising: the boot loader to further load a second boot image of the plurality of boot images onto the system under test (SUT) during a second part of the manufacturing process of the system under test (SUT), wherein a first boot image corresponds to a first operating system and the second boot image corresponds to a second operating system that is different from the first operating system, and wherein the first boot image and the second boot image are received by the system under test (SUT) through a network adapter (column 2, lines 23-62 and column 3, line 42 thru column 4, line 4 and column 5, line 64 thru column 6, line 12 and claims 1 and 2),
- However, neither Bearden nor David, either singularly or in combination, teach the limitation of “...*the first server assigns a MAC address to the network adapter during the manufacturing process of the system under test (SUT), and the boot loader uses the MAC address assigned to the network adapter to determine a given boot image of the plurality of boot images to load onto the system under test (SUT) from the first server.*” Furthermore, this limitation could not be found in further Examiner search.

- Therefore, independent claim 2 is has been deemed allowable.

Likewise, independent claims 8 and 13 comprise similar limitations and are also deemed allowable.

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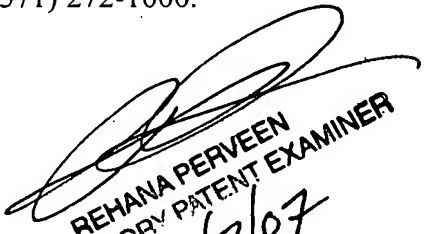
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to James Sugent whose telephone number is (571) 272-5726. The Examiner can normally be reached on 8AM - 4PM.

10 If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on (571) 272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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20 information system, call (800) 786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or (571) 272-1000.

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